

THE CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT
IN AID OF
UNION CHURCH ORGAN
RESTORATION FUND.

Under the Patronage of
H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON and
Lady ROBINSON
H. E. Major-General DIGHT BARKER and
Mr. BARKER
Sir FREDERICK CLARKE and Lady CLARKE
Commodore BOYCE and Mrs. BOYCE.

A LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT
will be held at the
THEatre Royal
(Kindly lent by the Hon. J. J. KESWICK),
SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
March 18th.

By Courtesy of Lt.-Col. ROBINSON and
Officers the Band of the Hampshire Light
Infantry will be in attendance.
Admission \$1.00. Children half price.
Tickets may be obtained at Messrs.
KELLY and WALSH, Messrs. LANE, ONE
FORD & CO., and Messrs. W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, March 6, 1894.

MAILS.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARTIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,

MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND

BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLES, LONDON,

HAVRE AND BORDEAUX;

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

TO-MORROW, the 7th of March,

1894, at Noon, the Company's S.S.

SAGARILLE, Commandant OVALIER,

with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPORL,

and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-

cepted in transit through Marseilles for the

principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till

Next.

Cargo will be received on board until 4

Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on

the 6th March, 1894. (Parcels are not

to be sent on board; they must be left at

the Agency's Office.)

Contracts and value of Packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 6, 1894.

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Occidental & Oriental Steam-

Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND

SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

ETC.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

ETC. INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belge (via Nagasaki),

Kobe, Inland Sea, and

Yokohama, THURSDAY, Mar. 15,

at daylight.

Oceanic (via Nagasaki),

Kobe, Inland Sea, WEDNESDAY, April 4,

at daylight.

Genie (via Nagasaki),

Kobe, Inland Sea, WEDNESDAY, April 4,

at daylight.

Honolulu (via Nagasaki),

WEDNESDAY, April 4,

at daylight.

THE Steamer, BELGIO will be

dispatched for SAN FRANCISCO,

etc. NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA

and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY,

the 15th March, at Daylight, connection

being made at Yokohama with Steamers

from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the

INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at

HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to

break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers' Tickets granted to

England, France, and Germany by all trans-

Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin-

cipal cities of the United States or Canada.

Details and particulars of the various routes

may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to

Missionaries, members of the Naval,

Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services;

to European officials in service of China

and Japan, and to Government officials and

their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-

embarking at San Francisco for China or

Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will

be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This

discount will be given to those who have

paid full fare.

All Passengers should be marked to

arrive in full, and same will be received at

the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the

day previous to sailing.

Commissions to account for Cargo

destined to points beyond San Francisco,

in the United States, should be sent to the

Company's Office, addressed to the Collec-

tor of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight

or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1894.

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BUDDELL, THE HUMORICAL

THROUGHOUT THE ASPECTS,

ERNEST J. RUTHER, F.R.A.

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The announcement is made that the Athletic Sports will not take place on Sunday as advertised. Owing to the small number of entries received the Committee do not feel justified in going on with the sports. The 100 yards flat race for the challenge cup presented by Mr H. N. Mody, and held by Mr D. Lansdale, will be run off at the Race Course, on Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

We learn on good authority that the China Sugar Refining Company has decided to declare a dividend of \$1 per share for the six months ending 31st Dec. last. This makes \$19 for the year 1893—that is, 19 per cent. on the paid-up capital. Over a lakh and a half is carried over to the current year. It is highly satisfactory to hear of something paying in these hard times, and the news must be very gratifying to the shareholders of the Company.

The Japan Mail announces that a plot has been discovered in Corea to assassinate the King, Crown Prince, and Minister of the Crown, together with the blowing up of gunpowder. Many arrests have been made. The Tai-won-ku is said to be the instigator of the conspiracy.

A CHINESE who has recently returned to Shanghai has sent to us (says the *N.C. Daily News*) the result of an experiment to test the speed with which three post-cards, travelling by different routes, would go round the world. Three reply-paid foreign post-cards, costing 2d. each, were posted in London on the 25th, 26th and 28th of October last respectively. The first was sent via San Francisco to Hongkong, then re-addressed and despatched by the German mail, arriving in London on the 11th of January, this being only 77 days; and the third card was sent via the Suez Canal to Hongkong, then despatched and sent off via San Francisco to London, which it reached on the same day as the first card, having taken 60 days to complete the journey.

On a recent night (says the Japan Mail) when the moonlight had dispelled the darkness in one of the quiet alleys of Shimbashi, a girl's voice was heard crying out excitedly, "Look at the cat dancing!" There was an immediate clatter of pats and an audience of the fair but frail denizens of the district assembled quickly to witness the prodigy. Certainly there was a cat dancing in the moonlight on the eaves of one of the houses. She was not dancing after the fashion of European ball-girls, but was waving her fore-paws and pawing with her hind after the orthodox methods of the Japanese minstrel. A wag had joined the crowd suggested that the cat had become intoxicated with the atmosphere of the gaiety and was taking advantage of fortuitous somersaults to get away on her own account, but the girls indignantly declined to accept this explanation of a weird spectacle which had set all their little bosoms palpitating. At last a drama among the damsels took her courage in both hands, and the room above which passed was punctured, called her softly to descend. But the cat danced more vigorously than ever, though the strains of the minstrel had ceased to be heard. Finally, the plucky lady seized the cat and carried her down, where the source of the dancing inspiration was at once discovered. This had a clam-shell fixed over each of her whiskers. She had inadvertently essayed to steal one of the bivalves lying open in a pail of water, and the clam had clapped her muzzle and set her dancing in the moonlight. This is a Japanese journalistic item.

VICTORIA HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils took place this afternoon at the Victoria Home and Orphanage for Girls at West Point. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen interested in the working of the Institution.

Lady Robinson was to have been present to give away the prizes, but Rev. Mr. Bennett, who presided, stated that he received a letter go late at last night from Lady Robinson, who wrote regretting she could not attend. A letter of apology was also received from Mr. H. S. Stewart Lockhart, who was engaged on the Equitable Commission in the Supreme Court. Mr. Bennett said they all regretted that Lady Robinson and Mr. Stewart Lockhart could not be present, and he was sure those present would feel doubly grateful to Mrs. Goodman, who had kindly consented on so short notice to distribute the prizes.

Mrs. Goodman said she was sorry, as she was sure they all were, that Lady Robinson was not able to be present, and that she was obliged in her humility, to try to attempt to fill Lady Robinson's place. She was glad to see the children and to hear them singing so sweetly. She was not aware that the Victoria could sing so sweetly. She had been accustomed to hear only the soloists singing, and she was afraid she could not sing that they sang very sweetly. It gave her very great pleasure to come down to the Home and present these handsome prizes to the girls. She had learned from Mr. Bennett how painstaking the children were in their studies—more painstaking, she was informed, than girls attending school at home. It was very pleasant to hear this, and it must be very encouraging to those who guided them in their studies.

Mrs. Goodman then presented the prizes. In the course of the proceedings, the children sang hymns in Chinese. Miss Grundy, accompanying on the harmonium, thus singing allowed a marked advance on that of previous years.

The following is the report of the Superior Committee:

According to a report of the very work done, the Committee, in their report, are to thank the Superior Committee for their hard work.

They have to say that we

A EUROPEAN SCHOOL FOR KOWLOON.

PUBLIC MEETING OF BRITONS.

A public meeting of European residents

in Kowloon was held last night in Kowloon Hotel. There was a large attendance

of ladies and gentlemen.

On the motion of Mr. G. J. B. Sayer,

seconded by Mr. H. Cook, Mr. H. J. Holmes

was called upon to speak.

The Chairman said:—We have met to-night to consider the question of starting a school at Kowloon for the children of resident European parents, and that with a view to further this project Mr. H. J. Holmes and Mr. D. Gillies are appointed to confer with the Government on the subject.

Mr. A. G. Aitken seconded and the resolution was agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman—I have to thank you for

measures to discuss this proposal, and I hope

it will turn out as great a success as we

all hope it to be. A notice will be given

to the residents as to the result of the

Committee's conference with the Govern-

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Mr. Sayer proposed, after some further

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